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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN - KNEZ VISIT TO INDIA

1. DR. EUGENE KNEZ, CURATOR OF ASIAN ANTHROPOLOGY, NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, PLANS VISIT INDIA OCTOBER 9-18.

2. KNEZ VISIT HAS TWO PURPOSES: A) DISCUSS WITH INDIAN OFFICIALS LOAN OF INDUS VALLEY CIVILIZATION ARCHEOLOGICAL SPECIMENS FOR FORTHCOMING SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION ON DEVELOPMENT OF WESTERN CIVILIZATION, AND 2) VISIT TO DALAI

LAMA IN DHARMSALA AND TO TIBETAN COMMUNITIES AND MONASTERIES IN LADAKH REGION IN PREPARATION FOR TIBETAN ETHNOLOGY EXHIBITION AT SMITHSONIAN.

3. SMITHSONIAN ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLITZER HAS WRITTEN TO DR. NIHARRANJAN RAY CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MUSEUMS COMMITTEE OF SUBCOMMISSION ON EDUCATION AND CULTURE SUGGESTING THAT WESTERN CIVILIZATION EXHIBITION LOAN MIGHT BE INCLUDED
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WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF SUBCOMMISSION. INAM RAHMAN, INDIAN

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MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND SCIENCE, INDIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, HAS SUGGESTED KNEZ MEET WITH M.N. DESHPANDE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY, AND HAS WRITTEN TO DESHPANDE REGARDING PROJECT. KNEZ EXPECTED CALL UPON AMEMBASSY, NEW DELHI, OCTOBER 9 AND SMITHSONIAN WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE ARRANGING THESE CALLS OR OTHERS EMBASSY MAY RECOMMEND.

4. KNEZ BELIEVED TO HAVE DISCUSSED HIS VISIT TO LADAKH WITH HEAD INDIAN CONSULAR SECTION, WASHINGTON, AND TO

HAVE BEEN ASSURED THAT HIS TRAVEL TO THAT AREA UN-RESTRICTED. HOWEVER, RAHMAN HAS INFORMED SMITHSONIAN SUBSEQUENT KNEZ DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON THAT: "WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A COMMUNICATION FROM GOVERNMENT OF INDIA INDICATING THAT (KNEZ) VISIT TO LADAKH HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED." KNEZ NOW BELIEVED TO BE IN PUSAN, KOREA AT KUK-DONG HOTEL AND AMEMBASSY SEOUL'S ASSISTANCE IN INFORMING KNEZ CONTENTS THIS MESSAGE WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS WOULD BE AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI'S GOOD OFFICES IN OBTAINING LADAKH TRAVEL PERMISSION SHOULD THIS BE POSSIBLE. KISSINGER

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